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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman and Fellow Commissioners,

Over the past few centuries there have been countless famous, unique and quintessentially American things to come out of New Jersey: the light bulb, Campbell's Soup, salt water taffy, M&Ms, world famous tomatoes, Bruce Springsteen, Bon Jovi, Frank Sinatra, Atlantic City and President Grover Cleveland, to name a few. In order to keep up with this impressive pace of production, however, New Jersey needs to remain in a constant state of innovation and growth.

Any advancement or competitive edge that can be unleashed upon the great state of New Jersey will have a strong impact on business production and overall economic innovation. That is why the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce strongly believes that the FCC should approve of the proposed unification of the AT&T and T-Mobile telecommunications companies. This action in itself will have a serious positive impact on businesses in New Jersey and throughout the country.

When Thomas Edison and other business leaders signed our charter one-hundred years ago, there is no way that they could have predicted how drastically the economic landscape would change by 2011. In this day and age, having a reliable and fast broadband connection is essential to operating a successful business. It is important to the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce and thousands of businesses across the state that AT&T's 4G LTE service is upgraded and expanded, as the merger stands to do. Using this new and improved AT&T mobile service, New Jersey businesses will have the world at their fingertips to reach distant communities of untapped markets that are available to produce or consume our goods.

Technological advances can go a long way in the struggle to get ahead. The New Jersey Chamber of Commerce is in a perfect position to take stock of the current needs and challenges of industries and businesses in our state. We need this merger and can only hope that it receives your eventual approval.

In conclusion, I ask that you keep the Garden State in mind when deciding whether or not to approve of this merger. We can only continue producing such quality American goods if this merger is permitted to take place.

Thank you,  
Sincerely,



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